

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1245

By Cobb

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of the late Bobby and Janie Hugh upon the occasion of their induction into the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor the memory of those remarkable professionals who, during their lifetimes, rendered invaluable service to the Tennessee Walking Horse industry, one of the Volunteer State's largest and most successful enterprises in terms of agriculture, commerce, equine sports, and tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration is the premier event for the Tennessee Walking Horse; spanning eleven days and nights prior to Labor Day and encompassing exciting competition, the Celebration annually awards more than \$650,000 in prize money and crowns the breed's World Grand Champion and some twenty World Champions; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2004, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration (TWHNC) will be inducting thirteen worthy people into the TWHNC Hall of Fame during a gala evening at Calsonic Arena on the Celebration grounds in Shelbyville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the TWHNC Hall of Fame ceremony is held biennially to specially honor and recognize those sterling professionals who "have made significant and outstanding contributions to the Walking Horse industry and the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration" during "fifteen or more years involvement with the breed"; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary 2004 class of TWHNC Hall of Fame inductees most appropriately includes Bobby and Janie Hugh; and

WHEREAS, a long-time horse trainer, the late Mr. Hugh proved highly successful in the show ring; his late wife, Janie, actively participated in the industry as a reporter and writer for

*The Voice of the Tennessee Walking Horse Magazine* and later for *The Walking Horse Report*, and

WHEREAS, by means of their induction into the TWHNC Hall of Fame, Bobby and Janie Hugh have posthumously earned the ultimate accolade given by the Walking Horse industry, and we should pay homage to their lives of purpose, commitment, and accomplishment on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the memory of the late Bobby and Janie Hugh upon the occasion of their posthumous induction into the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Hall of Fame, as we warmly remember their consummate careers spent in service to the Walking Horse industry and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.